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THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

The Democrats have made their nominations for Mayor, Comptroller and Street Commissioner—these being the only offices to be voted for by the people at large. We do not propose to criticise their ticket. The citizens themselves must judge of its merits, and they will be best enabled to do so by comparing it with that of the opposition, whenever the latter shall be brought forward. Meanwhile whom will the opposition designate, or are we to consider their nominations as before the people? Some weeks ago a meeting of independent citizens convened at the Arcade, and then and there, after considerable confusion, placed in nomination certain gentlemen. Among the candidates selected there are only three who are elective by the people, according to the provisions of the new Charter, viz: Charles M. Waterman, for Mayor; T. Theard, for Comptroller; J. B. River, for Street Commissioner. As we perceive no indications of a movement by the American party to nominate candidates, we are inclined to consider that they are contented to abide by the choice effected at the Arcade meeting, and that they will sustain Messrs. Waterman, Theard and River. If this be so, the voters have an opportunity of comparing the two tickets, and determining which of them offers the strongest guarantees of fidelity, capacity and firmness. Certainly the executive of New Orleans should possess these qualities in an eminent degree, if the interest and welfare of our city are to be adequately protected and steadily improved. The new Charter converts the Mayor from a passive and powerless chief into an active and responsible one, by clothing him with ample authority. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that the citizens should confer this office on him only who, by his display of zeal, firmness of purpose, the will to serve the people, and the indefinite determination to do his duty. A Mayor who should be a mere cypher, or worse still, a pliant instrument of faction, would, at this juncture, be a calamity to our city. We want a vigorous executive, one who will be neither the puppet of a clique, nor a soulless automaton. Our choice on this occasion should be the election of the members of the Common Council. The Mayor is charged with the execution of the ordinances and the organization of the police, but vast as is this responsibility, it yields in magnitude to that imposed on the Common Council. It is upon that body that the entire administration of our municipal affairs devolves; the fixing of the budget, the rate of taxation, of licenses, the opening of streets, public improvements, and in fact every detail connected with the operation of a political corporation. How infinitely important is it, then, that capable and honest men be chosen as the lawgivers of the city—men who only should be put in nomination who have earned the confidence of the community by talents, experience, devotion to our interests, and undeviating rectitude! It would seem indeed that such trite common places as these ought to be unneeded for; that the people ought to understand quite as well as the press the necessity of entrusting the concerns of city government to none other than worthy men. No doubt those who take the trouble to bestow a moment's reflection on the subject do understand and appreciate this necessity, but their number is infinitely small. Nine out of every ten are either plunged into a strange and mournful apathy, careless how city affairs are managed, and never thinking that their individual interests are intimately connected with those of the community, or, carried away by party prejudice, or, carried away by party prejudice, or, carried away by party prejudice